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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, IR

SUBJECT: QUALITY ASSURANCE TESTING OF CRUDE OIL FOR  
US STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

1. DEFENSE FUEL SUPPLY CENTER IS ACTING AS USG PROCURE-  
MENT AGENT FOR CRUDE OIL TO SUPPLY THE U.S. STRATEGIC  
PETROLEUM RESERVE (SPR). CRUDE OIL IS PURCHASED ON  
COMPETITIVE BID BASIS, AND ONE CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED  
TO THE FIRM U.S. AND SOUTH AMERICAN ENTERPRISES FOR  
5 MILLION BBL OF IRANIAN LIGHT TO BE LOADED AT KHARG  
ISLAND. (FYI: U.S. AND SOUTH AMERICAN ENTERPRISES IS  
ACTING AS AGENT FOR TRANS ASIATIC OIL (PANAMA) S.A.,  
WHICH IS WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF EILAT-ASHKELON  
PIPELINE CO., AN ISRAELI-IRANIAN VENTURE. END FYI).

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2. THE DEFENSE FUEL QUALITY ASSURANCE OFFICE, MIDDLE  
EAST, IN BAHRAIN HAS BEEN TASKED TO PERFORM THE REQUIRED  
QUALITY ASSURANCE TESTING AND ACCEPTANCE ON CRUDE OIL  
DESTINED FOR THE SPR. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS  
MISSION, COUNTRY CLEARANCE AND CLEARANCE AT KHARG ISLAND  
WILL BE REQUIRED. CHIEF DFQAO MAJOR CARL LETTERIE

PLUS MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF PLAN AN INITIAL VISIT ON  
25 FEBRUARY, 1978, AND WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST THREE  
SUBSEQUENT VISITS FOR VESSEL LOADINGS. REQUEST NECESSARY

SUPPORT BE GRANTED TO THE DFQAO IN ORDER TO ENSURE  
SUCCESSFUL MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT FOR THIS U.S. PROGRAM.  
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